

March 15, 1945.

1944 CHECK LIST MAGAZINE AND NEWSPAPER CIRCUS  
ARTICLES AND ASSOCIATE SUBJECTS.

In giving you the 1944 List, let me first thank all of my many assistants throughout the country, who by their aid, have made this Check List possible. Thank you, Gentlemen, and please continue in 1945.

For this year I have confined my efforts to the major magazine and newspaper articles that come to my attention. It is not complete but does give a good cross section of current material on The Circus and associate subjects for the past year.

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JANUARY 1944

"Model of Ancient Circus" - A. Morton Smith,  
"Hobbies" January 44, Vol. 48, No. 11, page 25,  
Model of Circus Maximus.

"Showing in Guatemala" - by James H. Webb (Formerly of Russell Bros.)  
"BILLBOARD" - January 8th, 1944, Circus Section.  
Short and well written article by Mr. Webb on a typical circus in Central America.

FEBRUARY 1944

"Collecting Circus Books" - by A. Morton Smith,  
"HOBBIES" - February 1944 - Pages 15 and 23.

MARCH 1944

"Buffalo Bill" - 'The story of a reputation that ran away with a man.'  
"CHICAGO SUNDAY TRIBUNE" - Graphic Section.  
March 26, 1944 - Pages 1-5-9. Excellent article on Buffalo Bill

"Soil to Sawdust" - Saga of the Campbell Bros.  
"BILLBOARD" - March 25, 1944 - Pages 48 and 49.  
Fine article on the early days of Campbell Bros. Circus.

"Brunswick Man has interesting collection of Circus posters."  
by Sam E. Conner - "LEWISTON MAINE JOURNAL" - Mag. Sec. Pages 1 and 9,  
Fine illustrated article on collection of John M. Brown of Brunswick, Maine, collector and member of 'Circus Historical Society.'

"Method in Circusiana Collecting" - A. Morton Smith,  
"HOBBIES" - March 1944, Vol. 49, No. 1, Pages 14 and 125 -  
Various ways of collecting "The Circus."

"Ringling Circus, Sans Modernism solid click in Sarasota Preview"-  
by Harry E. Schaden - Story on Ringling Opening in Sarasota; Variety,  
March 29, 1944 - Pages 1 and 26.

"Early American Posters" - "NEWSWEEK" - March 20, 1944, Page 79 -  
Half page of old lithographs in reproduction - one an old Van Amburgh Menagerie poster.

"The Red Man Plays Indian" - by James F. Denton Ill. in color -  
"COLLIERS" March 18, 1944, pages 18-19.

"Next Week-Soerbaya" - by Sam Abbott -  
"BILLBOARD", March 25, 1944, Page 42 - Excellent article on show business in the Orient and especially on the Tait Bros. called the  
"Barnums of the Orient."

"NEWS FROM HOME SPRING 1944" - Vol. V No. 2 -  
Front Cover reproduction of old Barnum and Bailey Poster -  
Inside Cover - "The Art of Clown Make up" -  
Page 3 Photo of Calliope in parade Brooklyn 1910 -  
Page 8 'Funny Business' Well illustrated article on clowns  
Page 10-11 Circus Parade Wagons - 16 ill. of old wagons -  
Page 12 Photo of old wagons at Sarasota, Fla. -  
Page 16 Wallace Beery on elephant - photograph  
Page 17 Explanation of Circus material in magazine -  
The Home Insurance Co., of New York - Publisher -  
The Outstanding circus promotion of 1944.



APRIL 1944

"The Circus is Coming" - by Edward Quigley -  
"THE CAMERA" - April 1944, Vol. 66, No. 4, Pages 20-21-22-23-24-98-  
Fine illustrated article on circus photography.

"Here's How to Draw a Crowd" - Three pages of photographs by -  
Peter Martin on Pitchmen - "PARADE", Sunday April 2, 1944 - Pages 4-5-6.

"Bells relating to the Circus" - A. Morton Smith,  
"HOBBIES" - April 1944, Vol. 49, No. 2 - Pages 20-27-30.

"Lords and Ladies of Lilliput" - by Robert W. Marks,  
"READER'S DIGEST" - April 1944, page 57. - One page article on Midgets.  
Very interesting.

"Buffalo Bill" - "LIFE MAGAZINE", April 10, 1944.  
6 pages of pictures from famous Albert Davis Theatrical collection  
on the life of Buffalo Bill. Very fine.

"Walter Goes to School" - "NEWS VIEWS", Roto Sec. of "CHICAGO DAILY  
NEWS", Saturday April 15, 1944 - Page 2 - Full page of pictures of  
Terrell Jacobs training lion at winter-quarters Peru, Indiana.

"The Biggest Show on Earth" - "NEWSWEEK" - April 10th, 1944, Page 33,  
Vol. 23, No. 15. Three excellent pictures of Big Show acts rehearsing  
in Sarasota for opening.

"Barnum and Brady" - by Dorothy Meserve Kunhardt -  
"COLLIERS" - April 29, 1944 - Pages 21-22-23, Vol. 113, No. 18 -  
Short article and 18 reproductions of famous freak pictures from the  
collection of Frederick Meserve. Many reproduced for first time.

"Lucky Lions" - by Arthur Bartlett - One column story and front page  
cover on Alfred Court's Lions. -  
"THIS WEEK MAGAZINE SEC." April 22, 1944 - Front cover and page 2.

"Circus Hits the Road Tomorrow" - by Mary Davidson -  
"MANSFIELD OHIO NEWS JOURNAL" - Sunday April 23, 1944, Page 8 -  
Feature story and many pictures on opening of Mills Bros. Circus.

"The Circus Moscow Sees" - by W. H. Lawrence - "New York TIMES"  
Sunday Magazine Section - Page 38, April 30, 1944 - The Russian Circus  
in War Time. One page article.

"The Big Show" - Page of pictures on Ringling Barnum 1944 -  
"PICTURE NEWS" (Sinclair Oil Co.) Vol 11, No. 4, Page 8 - No photo-  
grapher listed.

MAY 1944

"Altoona, (Pa) TRIBUNE" - May 27, 1944 - Pages 4 and 9 -  
Part One - "Mr. Albert M. Rung", Historian of Juniata Valley, unearths  
details of tragic Walter L. Main Circus Train Wreck of May 30, 1893.  
Part Two- Altoona Tribune - Monday, May 29th - Page 4 -  
Part Three - " " - Tuesday, " 30th - Page 6 and 11 conclusion.

This is a follow up on Mr. Runge fine article published just a year  
ago May 29th, 1943 in the same paper. Much new data has been added. Mr.  
Rung is to be commended by Circus Collectors and Fans generally for his  
able and comprehensive handling of this excellent news story out of the  
past. It is a pity that it cannot be brought out in pamphlet form at  
a nominal price so that all lovers of the circus and collectors can have  
it in their libraries.

"Liberty" - May 27, 1944 - Front cover picture of Lou Jacobs.

"New York Sunday Mirror" Magazine Section, pages 5 and 19 -  
"CROSSED WIRES" by Gerald R. Scott - May 14, 1944.  
Ill Article on the Wallenda's, Herman's Near Fall at Madison Square  
Garden Spring 1944.

"When the Circus comes to Town" - "Cleveland, Ohio Plain Dealer  
Pictorial" Magazine Section - Pages 8-9, Sunday, May 14, 1944 -  
Two pages of Roto Pictures by Edwin A. Vorpe, Staff Photographer  
on Mills Bros. Circus.

"The Lure of the Sawdust" - by Inez Whiteley Foster -  
"CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR" Weekly Magazine Section - Page 7,  
May 27, 1944 - One page article (Ill) on the 1944 Big Show.



Page 3 - May, 1944, Cont'd.

"Husband and Wife share Hobby" By A. Morton Smith -  
"HOBBIES" May 1944, Vol. 49 No. 3, Pages 12-13.  
Story of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rumbaugh of Everett, Washington.  
Circus Fans and Collectors.

"Oops" Newsweek May 22, 1944, Page 33.  
Three pictures and short text on Herman Wallenda's accident in Madison Square Garden this spring.

"Ernie Clarke, Yank Pin-Up Girl - full page picture of -  
Ernestine Clarke, Aerialist.  
"YANK" - May 26, 1944 - Vol. 2, No. 49

"Need any Help Lady?" -  
"PARADE" Chicago Sub May 28, 1944 - Pages 14 and 15. Four pictures of  
Ringling Acts. May Kovar-LaLage, Victoria and Torrance - The Naittos.

"Sure the Circus is Comin" See the Pitchurs" - by Everett M. Smith -  
"CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR" - Wednesday, May 3rd, 1944, Page 2 - well  
illustrated on the Ringling Bros. Barnum and Bailey Advance Car.

#### JUNE 1944

"Return of an Old Grad" -  
"PARADE" Sunday June 18, 1944, Vol. 3 No. 50, Pages 22, 23 and 24.  
Pictures and text story on Mark Huling and his Seal College at Kingston,  
N.Y. Mr. Huling was formerly with the Big Show.

"Bear Story" Beverly Kelley and Don Long -  
"COLLIERS" - June 3, 1944, Vol. 113, No. 23, Page 61 - One Page article  
on Emil Pallenberg, Famous bear training on Big Show for many years.

"Circus Chaplain" Pfc. Bob Ensworth Story (111) on Father Edward Sullivan  
C.F.A. and his many activities with the circus - 2 pages - Queen's Work,  
Vol. 36 No. 9 - June 1944, pages 10 and 11.

"Solvent Circus" - "NEWSWEEK" June 12, 1944, Pages 62 and 65 - Short  
article on the business prospects of the Big Show as they take to the  
road for 1944.

"Adventures with Four Footed Killers" - by John Cashman - "CHICAGO HERALD  
AMERICAN" Magazine Section, Sunday, June 3, 1944. One page story on May  
Kovar of the Big Show.

"A Miniature Wedding" by Dorothy C. McNutt - "HOBBIES" June, 1944, Vol. 49,  
No. 4 - Pages 120-121. An interesting account of the Cincinnati Public  
Library's search for material to commemorate the first Balloon Wedding  
staged by P.T. Barnum in 1874, as a publicity story for his circus, then  
in Cincinnati.

"Collecting Circus Posters" - Part 1 - by A. Morton Smith,  
"HOBBIES" June 1944, Vol. 49 No. 4, Pages 22-23.

"Leaves Circus to Make Ordnance for the Navy" - "NAVAL FIREPOWER" - June,  
1944 - Published by the Bureau of Ordnance U.S. Navy. Short article on  
William Siegrist, Aerialist - One illustration.

"The Ringling's of McGregor" - by Marian Carroll Rischmueller -  
The Palimpsest June 1944, Vol. 25, No. 6, Pages 179-192 -  
Early history of the Ringling family in Iowa. Very good.

"Buffalo Bill's last Stands" - by John Wilstach, "Esquire" June 1944, Vol.  
21, No. 6 - Pages 46-47-126. Buffalo Bill's last days in the outdoor  
business.

#### JULY 1944

"Club Management" July 1944, Vol. 23, No. 7 - Front cover reproduction of  
Ernestine Clark and Lou Jacobs. Same as program cover of 1944 Big Show.  
Short story on page 3 giving history of picture which first appeared last  
year on "NEWS FROM HOME".

"Stars in Stripes" - 3 pictures of Trained Tigers - not identified as to  
circus - "PARADE" magazine July 16, 1944.

"Khaki Clowns" by Pfc. Bob Ensworth - "AMERICAN LEGION" Magazine - July,  
1944, Vol. 37, No. 1 - Pages 14-15-34-37. Ill. Article on clowning with  
the Big Show in New York at opening this year.



Page 4 - July, 1944, Cont'd.

"How to Swallow a Sword" - by The Great Zadma - as told to Jule Junker Mannix - "COLLIERS" July 22, 1944, Vol. 114, No. 4 - Pages 14 and 49 - All about sword swallowing - Illustrated.

"Six Minutes" - "TIME" July 17, 1944, Pages 19-20 - TIME Magazine's story of the Hartford fire.

"Death Stops a Circus" - No author - "NEWSWEEK" July 17, 1944. Vol. 24, No. 3 - Pages 31-32 - NEWSWEEK'S story of the Hartford fire.

"The Local Agent" - July, 1944, Vol. 16, No. 7. Front cover reproduction of Ernestine Clarke and Lou Jacobs, same as program cover of 1944 Big Show program. Also short article on page 29 giving history of picture which first appeared on cover of "News from Home" last summer.

"A Circus Queen" by Edythe Farrell - "National Police Gazette" - July 1944, pages 3-5 - Story and pictures on Ernestine Clarke, Aerialist with the Big One.

"Emmett Kelly-Everyman's Clown" - by Georgina Campbell - "HOBO NEWS" July 3, 1944, Vol. 4, No. 27 - Front cover and page 6 - Story and pictures on Emmett Kelly, Tramp Clown.

"There'll Always Be A Circus" - "RED BOOK" - July 1944, pages 10-11 Two pages pictures of the Big Show.

"Forgotten if not Forgiven! A Glance at the Dime Museum" - No Author - American Notes and Queries July 1944, Vol. 4, No. 4 - Pages 51-52-53-54 Part 1. Notes on the old time museum of Barnum's time.

"Fire Destroys the Big Top" - "LIFE" - July 17, 1944, Page 30, Vol. 17, No. 3 Full page picture by Ralph Emerson of the Hartford fire with short text on same.

Front cover "SATURDAY EVENING POST" - July 8, 1944. Clown Head (Lou Jacobs) by Atherton - "Circus".

"Collecting Circus Posters" - by A. Morton Smith, Part 2 "HOBBIES" - July 1944, Vol. 49, No. 5, Pages 22-23.

"He wanted a Circus and got It" - by Gladys M. Brewer - "CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR" Magazine Section Page 10 - July 29th, 1944. Full page story with illustrations on Vernon Pratt owner of Hugo Bros. Circus, which started out in the spring of 1944 in Oklahoma and Texas.

"Circus Chaplain" by Pfc. Bob Ensworth - "CATHOLIC DIGEST" - July 1944, Vol. 8, No. 9, Pages 28-31. Digest of fine article in June Queen's Work listed under June articles.

#### AUGUST 1944

"Queen of the Circus" - 2 pages of pictures and text on Ernestine Clarke of Ringling Bros. Barnum and Bailey. Pictures by Sam Andre, Pic Aug. 1, 1944, Pages 34 - 35, Vol. 16 No. 3.

"King of the Westerns" - Parade "Chicago SUN", August 6, 1944, Pages 24-25-26-27. Ill. story of Roy Rogers, Cowboy Successor to Tom Mix and Gene Autry.

"Agent for Human Oddities" by Wesley Price - "CORONET" August 1944, Vol. 16, No. 4, Pages 8 - 12. Story of Leo Grund, Booker and Importer of acts for George Hamid.

"His Clownship - Lou Jacobs" - Double page color photo. by Lt. Joseph Jamney Steinmetz - "CORONET" August 1944, Vol. 16 No. 4.

"She Floats Through The Air" - Full page of Roto photos of Lalage, aerial star of the Big Show. "CHICAGO DAILY NEWS", Saturday, Aug. 26th, 1944 - Page 8, Magazine Section.

"The Greatest Show on Earth Grew Out of Music" - An interview with Mrs. Charles Ringling, by Rose Heylbut, "ETUDE" - August 1944, Pages 438-439, Ill. Vol. LXII, No. 8.



"Forgotten If Not Forgiven; A Glance At The Dime Museum." - No author.  
"AMERICAN-NOTES AND QUERIES" August 1944, Vol. 4, No. 5, Pages 67-70,  
Part 2: This article and the one in the July number gives a very good  
history of the early dime museum.

"Circus Music as a Hobby" by A. Morton Smith.  
"HOBBIES", August 1944, Vol. 49, No. 6, Pages 24 and 109.

"Eddie and Jenny Rooney Tops on Double Trapeze" - by Geo. E. Emery.  
"MILWAUKEE GREEN SHEETED JOURNAL" August 28th, 1944, Page 1. Reprinted  
from Springfield, Mass. Union and Republican - excellent article on the  
Rooneys.

SEPTEMBER 1944

"My Life As A Circus Girl" - by Victoria Torrence - as told to Michael  
Stern. "Life Story" - September 1944, Vol. 10, No. 59, Pages 34-35-60-  
61 62-63. Very fine article on life of Victoria and Torrence. Great  
high act with the Ringling Show this year. Two illustrations - one in  
color. One of the outstanding factual stories of the year.

"Private Life of the Siamese Twins" - by Ethelda Bedford - Life Story  
of the Hilton Sisters, famous modern Siamese Twins - "AMERICAN WEEKLY"  
(Hearst Papers)

Chicago Herald American, Part 1, Sept. 10, 1944, Pages 16-17

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The Seeburg Voice (J.P. Seeburg Corp.) Sept. 1944, Vol. 7, No. 5, Edi-  
torial on Page 2 on "SHOW FOLKS IN WAR WORK" and short article on pages  
16-17 by Earl Shipley, along with several photos of Koko (Joe Coyle) and  
Earl Shipley, both famous circus clowns, who clowned at annual picnic  
of Seeburg Corp.

"Important Fires of Circus History" - by A. Morton Smith.  
"HOBBIES" September 1944, Vol. 49, No. 7, Pages 24-25.

"ESQUIRE" September 1944, pages 56-57 Stage Door Esquire - Greatest Show  
on Earth, April to November. Full page color photo by Maxwell Coplan  
of Patty Warfield Show girl on the Big Show this year.

"Bosses and Drivers of Circus and Baggage Stock" by Col. C.G. Sturtevant,  
"WHITE TOPS", August - September 1944, Vol. 17, No. 9-10, Pages 3-4-5-6  
and 7. The old reliable comes through again. This time with a well  
illustrated article on a little known subject. One of the year's best.

"Haley's Brains, Heart, Cold Cash, Saved Circus" - by Kirk Bates,  
"MILWAUKEE JOURNAL GREEN SHEET", Saturday Sept. 16th, 1944, Page 1  
Article on Vice-Pres. Haley of R.B.B.B.

OCTOBER 1944

"Ernestine Clark, Queen of the Circus"

"NATIONAL POLICE GAZETTE" October 1944, Page 9, Vol. 149, No. 9,  
Full page photograph of this popular young lady.

"Collecting Circus Calliopes" - by A. Morton Smith

"HOBBIES" October 1944, Pages 29 and 43, Vol. 49, No. 8.

"Midget Mystery" by Robert W. Marks Maclean's (Canada)

Magazine, Oct. 1, 1944, Pages 18-22-24 -

Excellent article on the life and origin of midgets. 3 Ills.

"Private Life of the Siamese Twins" Part 4, by Ethelda Bedford.

"AMERICAN WEEKLY" Pages 18-19 - "CHICAGO HERALD AMERICAN", Sun. Oct. 1, 1944.

"Circuses of the Past" - No author, Part 1, History of the LaPearl Circus -

"GREATER SHOW WORLD" September 1944, Pages 10-11, Vol. 27, No. 9.

"The Lady is a Clown" - by Rita M. Austing - October 1944, Vol. 2, No. 12,  
Pages 28-32. Ill. article on Dorothy Barnett, wife of Bobo Chester  
Barnett, producing clown on Polack Bros. Circus. Dorothy is also a  
featured clown.

"Circus in Wartime" by Sgt. Justus Schlotzhauer, "YANKEE", Oct. 20, 1944,  
Vol. 3, No. 18, Pages 8 and 9 - Excellent article written this summer  
by Justus (Edwards) Schlotzhauer, formerly of Russell Bros. Press Dept.  
6 Illustrations.



Page 6 - October 1944, Cont'd.

"Private Life of the Siamese Twins" by Ethelda Bedford, "AMERICAN WEEKLY CHICAGO HERALD AMERICAN", Oct. 8, 1944, Pages 20-21, Part 5.

"Private Life of the Siamese Twins", Part 6 - Finis - by Ethelda Bedford - "AMERICAN WEEKLY CHICAGO HERALD AMERICAN" - Sunday October 15, 1944, Pages 18-19

"The Jacobs Family and Their Pets" by Helen Clanton - "ST. LOUIS POST DISPATCH", Thursday October 19, 1944, Page 3, Feature article on the Terrell Jacobs Family - 1 Illustration.

"Passing of the Big Top" by William Seabrook - October 22, 1944, "CHICAGO HERALD AMERICAN WEEKLY SECTION", Pages 20-21, Part 1. Well illustrated article on the disasters that have beset The Big Show in recent years. (Form your own opinion here. Plenty of room for discussion) Also 10/29 11/5 11/12, Parts 2-3-4.

"Hey Look! Hey Look!" - They are all Here" - "CHICAGO TRIBUNE" Sunday Oct. 15, 1944, Part 3, Metropolitan Section. Full page of pictures and text on Dr. H.H. Conley of Park Ridge, Ill., and his famous collection. Very good.

#### NOVEMBER 1944

"Railroading the Circus" - No author - "RAILROAD MAGAZINE", November 1944, Page 142, Vol. 36, No. 6 - Just a paragraph on the subject above.

"Bottle House is Circus Museum" - by A. Morton Smith - "HOBBIES", November 1944, Page 24 - Story on Will Brock - old time long string driver - formerly on Al. G. Barnes.

#### DECEMBER 1944

"Jinx Over The Big Top" by David G. Wittels. "SATURDAY EVENING POST" December 2, 1944, Pages 16-17-63, Vol. 217, No. 2, Feature Article well illustrated on the disasters to the Big Show.

"Fire Eating is Fun" by the Great Zadma, as told to Jules Mannix. "COLLIER" December 2, 1944, Pages 16&65, Vol. 114, No. 23. How to be a Fire Eater. Side Show Stuff.

"The Cristianis; Biggest and Oldest Circus Family In The World" "LOOK" December 12, 1944, Vol. 8, Nov. 25, Pages 59 to 63 inc. Text and many illustrations. Photographed by Maurice Terrell. Very fine.

#### ADDITIONS TO 1944 LIST

"Circusiana Paradise Passes" by A. Morton Smith - "HOBBIES" December 1944, Pages 23 and 103, Vol. 49, No. 10. The end of Peru, Indiana, as a circus center.

"Booger Red's Last Ride" by Tom Mulvaney. "SOUTHWEST REVIEW AUTUMN 1944" Vol. 30, No. 1, Pages 30 to 35, article on Booger Red Privett, who had his own Wild West Show, and also appeared with Buffalo Bill, Barnes & Hagenbeck Wallace and others. Probably the greatest working cow-boy of them all.

"Esme-Woman Extraordinary Parade Magazine Section" - "CHICAGO SUN", November 19, 1944, Pages 8 to 11. Text and Pictures of Esme Davis, Author of Esme of Paris. Author, painter and ex-circus aerialist.

"Sweetheart of the Rodeo" - Text and Photographs by Anton Bruehl, picture story of Mitzi Lucas, daughter of Tad Lucas, famous Rodeo star. "CHICAGO SUN" Magazine Section Parade, Sunday, December 3, 1944. Front cover and pages 6, 7, 8 and 9.

"A Circus Heroine" by T.A. Lahey, "AVA MARIA CATHOLIC WEEKLY", November 11, 1944, Vol. 60, No. 20, Page 319. A short article on The Wallendas in the Hartford Fire.

"Sea-Lions Show offs of the Animal World" by Mark Huling, as told to C. Lester Walker - "READERS' DIGEST", December 1944, Pages 70 to 72, Vol. 45, No. 272, condensed from the 'Baltimore Sun' - Oct. 29th, 1944. An article on seal training by Huling, formerly on the Big Show.